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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

To the Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2005, the Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of the below submitted amendment and remarks.

## AMENDMENT

## STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACT

[0001] This invention was made with Government support under Contract No. 000340-804 awarded by the Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy. The Government has certain rights in this invention.